Industries under which guarantee cover to banks is provided for loans advanced to small scale industry (SSI) units on payment of a nominal fee. In addition, with a view to assisting SSI for technological upgradation in select technologies and products, the Government also implements a scheme called Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) under which loans upto Rs. 40 lakh are provided to SSI units alongwith capital subsidy of 12 per cent.

(c) and (d) Industrial Motivation Campaigns (IMCs) and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) are regularly organized by the Government to encourage/motivate and train young men and women desirous of establishing small scale industries. In addition, unemployed youth are provided loans by banks and capital subsidy by the Government to set up tiny enterprises, including industries, under the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY). In addition, in the rural areas, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is implemented by the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under which eligible persons, including unemployed youth, are provided loan by banks and capital subsidy by the Government in setting up village industries, with project cost upto Rs. 25 lakh. The number of beneficiaries under IMCs, EDPs, PMRY and REGP for the last three years are as under:—

Year	Beneficiaries under IMCs	Beneficiaries under EDPs	No. of cases/loans assisted under	
			PMRY	REGP
2002-03	14085	7390	190521	21024
2003-04	18513	1830	217743	24747
2004-05	53031	15922	182165 (Provisional)	23453

Setting up of SSIs

†480. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on setting up small scale industries in the first three years of Tenth Five Year Plan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of persons provided employment during this period; and

(c) the details of the targets fixed regarding setting up Small Scale Industries in the rural areas of country in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Small scale industries (SSIs), as defined under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, are set up by individual entrepreneurs and not by the Government. Hence information on amounts spent on setting up SSI units is neither collected nor available for the period mentioned in the question or otherwise.

(b) It is estimated that about 12,63,907 persons have been provided employment in the registered SSI units during the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) As stated in reply to part (a) of the question, SSI units are set up by individual entrepreneurs. Therefore, the Government fixes no target for setting up SSI units in the country. However, under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), the target is to sanction assistance for setting up village industries in the rural areas of the country with a view to generating 5.5 lakh additional employment opportunities during 2005-06. Similarly, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), implemented in both rural and urban areas, to provide self-employment opportunities to the educated youth, the target of new units to be assisted during 2005-06 is 2.50 lakh, for creation of 3.75 lakh new employment opportunities.

Facility through satellite network

481. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how far Indian Space Research Organisation's satellites have contributed in improving tele-communication, tele-education, tele-medicine, etc. facilities in rural and remote areas of the country;

(b) whether any utilization study has been made for the benefits being derived at the grass root level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and